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Land Revenue.

Assignment of darkhast lands in Kamalapuram.

1519 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: With reference to question No. 1055 answered at the meeting of the Council on the 15th December 1925 regarding assignment of darkhast lands in Kamalapuram, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why lands were assigned to several Brahmans though they had not served in the army during the Great War; and

(b) whether any action has been taken upon the petitions submitted up to this to the Tahsildar, Revenue Divisional Officer and the Labour Commissioner by the members of the depressed classes of Kamalapuram village for assigning darkhast lands and house-sites?

A.—(a) The Government have no information whether any of the caste Hindus mentioned in the answer to Question No. 1055 are Brahmans. It is open to caste Hindus, including Brahmans to darkhast for lands not reserved for the depressed classes or ex-soldiers.

(b) The Collector will be requested to see that the orders on these applications are communicated to the applicants.

Assignments of waste lands adjoining public roads in South Kanara.

*1520 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in South Kanara assignments of waste lands adjacent to public roads are limited to 22 yards from the road margin;

(b) whether it is a fact that formerly the rule was not applied in cases where the waste lands adjacent to such roads fell within the kumaki limits of wargdars; and

(c) whether it is a fact that of late under a circular issued by the Collector the kumakidar's 100 yards limit is cut short by the 22 yards of road margin?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information and have called for a report.

Levy of demarcation fees in South Kanara.

*1521 Q.—Mr. K. RAGHUCHANDRA BALLAL: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to my question No. 115 answered on 19th August 1925, regarding the levy of demarcation fees that it was introduced as an experimental measure for three years—

(a) whether the Government have found the same as necessary and beneficial to assessees of such fees;

(b) what is the total number of such assessees from the very inception of such levy up to date in South Kanara;

(c) what is the total amount of fees collected from them; and